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FOR HABIB FROM MARTINEZ

FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 4156 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 28 SEP 76.

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 4156

FOR ASST. SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OGEN (GERARD, SUMNER) JM
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS IN DEPT AND ANNUAL LEAVE FOR AMBASSADOR

1. I HAVE BEEN PLANNING FOR SOME WEEKS TO JOIN MY WIFE IN WESTERN EUROPE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS ANNULA LEAVE COMMENCING OCTOBER 4 IN TIME CATCH FLIGHT FOR ATHENS OUT OF NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 5. THIS WOULD BE FIRST EXTENDED LEAVE SINCE MY ARRIVAL AT POST ON MAY 31, 1974.

2. GIVN RECENT EVENTS HERE I AM CONVINCED THAT NOT ONLY ARE MY LEAVE PLANS STILL FEASIBLE BUT IN FACT AN ABSENCE ON MY PART IS DESIRABLE. THE AGEE AFFAIR IS PROBABLY NOT OVER, AND THERE MAY BE REPERCUSSIONS GIVEN THE OBVIOUS MANIPULATION OF THAT VISIT BY MANLEY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE GOJ. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LIE LOW AND PROCEED WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL UNTIL FURTHER EVENTS REQUIRE REACTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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THOUGH I DO NOT NOW ANTICIPATE MUCH HAPPENING BEFORE

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NOVEMBER. I AM, OF COURSE, WILLING, IF DEPT SO DESIRES, DEPART KINGSTON EARLIER THAN INITIALLY PLANNED IN ORDER BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 4 AND OR, IF THOUGHT REALLY NECESSARY, OCTOBER 1 (AND 2 IF KEY PEOPLE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN DEPT ON SATURDAY).

3. IF CONSULTATIONS WERE TO BE LINKED TO MY LEAVE, WE WOULD QUIETLY MAKE CERTAIN GOJ AWARE I AM BEING CALLED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS. THE FACT THAT I WOULD BE ON A PRE-PLANNED ANNUAL LEAVE TRIP AFTER CONSULTATIONS NEED NOT BE ADVERTISED; LENGTH AND PURPOSE OF MY ABSENCE COULD BE LEFT DELIBERATELY VAGUE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO THAT I MAY MAKE NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.
GERARD
UNQTE: ROBINSON

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